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There is a good reason why the Lord's Prayer is not given as a form of prayer to be used by all men, but as a pattern for them to follow. The Lord's Prayer is not a magic charm, nor is it a formula to be repeated without understanding. It is a prayer which contains all the elements of prayer, and which is adapted to the needs of all men. It is a prayer which is given by Christ as the only form of prayer which is acceptable to God. It is a prayer which is given by Christ as the only form of prayer which is acceptable to God. It is a prayer which is given by Christ as the only form of prayer which is acceptable to God.

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INDIVIDUALS, on the Subject of the following PRAYERS.

THERE are many persons, it is to be feared, who do not accustom themselves to pray at all, than which there cannot be a greater proof of irreligion. Some of these may plead perhaps that they have never been taught to pray, or at least that they have no suitable prayer provided for them. To such persons an opportunity is now given of beginning what they cannot but allow to be a good custom, for who can deny that it is a good custom, or rather indeed, that it is a bounden duty to call day by day on the God who made them.

There are other persons who oblige themselves daily to say over the Lord's Prayer only, and perhaps also the Belief. This is often done in a very formal and superstitious manner. The Lord's Prayer is undoubtedly a most excellent pattern for our daily prayers, but it does not appear to have been given by Christ is the only form of Prayer

that was to be used; and it is worthy of remark, that when he uttered it, he took occasion to warn his Disciples against the vain repetitions used in prayer by the Pharisees. It is to be feared that even the Lord's Prayer has become a vain repetition in these days, not through any fault in the Prayer itself, but through the unthinking, and, perhaps, over-frequent way in which some people use it. Possibly a new form may supply some new thoughts, and may serve to awaken the sort of people I am speaking of to a sense of the true meaning and use both of the Lord's Prayer and of Prayer in general.

ADDRESS to PARENTS.

It is hoped that there can be little occasion to inform Parents that they ought to teach their children to pray. A short prayer, fit for persons of twelve or fourteen years of age, is here supplied. The same prayer may serve both for morning and evening, and the memory, therefore, will be little burthened by learning it by heart. Before children entirely leave their father's house, it is desirable that, instead of the Child's Prayer, they should learn by heart the Morning and Evening Prayer for a Grown Person, which follows.

To HEADS of FAMILIES.

If all Masters and Mistresses of Families would ask each of their servants what is their custom in respect to daily Prayer, and would supply them, if there seems occasion, with the Morning and Evening Prayer for a grown Person, which they will find

in this Tract, it is plain, I think, that much benefit might arise, through the blessing of God, both to masters and servants; for a servant's duty to his master is one of the things which these Prayers will teach.

ADDRESS to MASTERS and MISTRESSES of SCHOOLS.

You are desired to take notice, that the Prayer for a Sunday School is intended to be used only on a Sunday. The Prayer for an individual may, by merely changing the word *I* into *we*, and the word *me* into *us*, be made to suit a Daily School, and indeed it may be made to suit some Families also.

On FAMILY PRAYER.

The advantages of Family Prayer are many, and they are very plain. The Master of a family (or the Mistress in his absence) by devoutly reading a Morning and Evening Prayer to his family, instructs both his children and servants in their duty, accustoms them to prayer, makes an open profession of his own Religion, brings himself under an obligation to observe a consistent, that is, a religious conduct during the day; and above all, let it be remarked, he draws down the blessing of God on himself and his household.—Four Prayers are here offered to Masters and Mistresses of Families, and they who have not yet been used to family prayer, have now, therefore, an opportunity of beginning this good custom, and in doing it may God grant them his blessing!

GENERAL DIRECTIONS, *applicable chiefly to the Case of Private Prayer.*

First, Before you proceed to your private prayers, endeavor to compose your thoughts, and then examine yourself for a few moments. Ask yourself in the morning, for instance, what are likely to be the duties and trials of the day that is before you, and in the evening reflect what have been the sins of the day past. By doing so, you will be enabled to apply the words of your prayer more particularly to your own case, and possibly also you may thus be led to add a few words of your own to what you have got by heart, and by degrees you may thus be inclined to enlarge your daily petition more and more in your own words, and thus you may learn to pray in spirit and in truth.

Secondly, When about to pray, endeavor to lift up your heart to God for the help of his Holy Spirit; for the Scripture tells us, that it is "the Holy Spirit that helpeth our infirmities." Many people complain of great coldness and indifference while engaged in prayer, and there are few who are not conscious of this in a greater or less degree. Let all then begin, by imploring God's Holy Spirit to assist them in praying as they ought. There cannot be a better introduction to every kind of prayer, than a few secret words first uttered to this effect from the heart.

Thirdly, Beware of wandering thoughts when engaged in prayer. To this end let every struggle be made, and let it be seriously impressed upon you, that God is now present in an especial manner,

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and that all absence of mind which is allowed and indulged is a great affront to his Majesty.

Fourthly, But besides being attentive, take care that you are also sincere in your prayer. Ask yourself often, whether you mean what you say while you are praying, and whether you sincerely and earnestly wish the thing that you ask. Accustom yourself not to attend to the mere sound of your words, but to the sense; and if you do not well understand any part of the prayers here offered you, endeavor to get what is difficult explained before you repeat it. Some persons have been known to say prayers day by day, almost every word of which they have contradicted by their whole conversation and conduct. What a terrible hypocrisy is this! A man's prayers may either be the greatest blessing to him or the most grievous sin, according to the manner in which he performs them.

Fifthly, Endeavor not only to be sincere in your prayers at the moment when you offer them, but endeavor also, that the same spirit which animates your prayers, may animate your whole life. To this end, examine your life often by means of your prayers. Try whether all your maxims in life, your common speech and your several tempers, as well as your open conduct, agree with the prayers which you use. The sincerity which God requires of you is not a momentary sincerity, it is not a short lived and changeable feeling which is forgotten when you go into the world. The remembrance of what you have been praying for in the morning should follow you into the field, or the shop, and should influence your conduct all the day long.

Lastly, Consider whether God answers your

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prayers. If you pray aright, depend upon it your prayers will be heard and answered; your tempers will be subdued, your temptations weakened, and your whole mind will be rendered pious if you really pray that it may be so; and if this be not the case, you may reasonably suspect that your prayers have not been such as they ought. If you pray aright, depend upon it, you will improve in every respect; you will gain more humility, more tenderness of conscience, more fear of God, more pleasure in his worship, and more happiness in his service, and also more confidence in Christ, and probably more hope of Salvation in proportion to the earnestness and sincerity of your prayers to God to this effect, for these are all the gifts of that Holy Spirit which God hath promised to them that ask it.

A PRAYER to be used by a CHILD, or YOUNG PERSON,
both in the Morning and Evening.

O LORD God Almighty, I beseech thee to have mercy upon me, and to bless me. Defend me this day (or this night) by thy mighty power, bestow upon me all things which thou knowest to be needful for me, and help me by thy Holy Spirit, to do whatsoever thou hast commanded. Incline me thankfully to receive instruction; what I know give me grace to practise, and make me wise unto salvation. Grant that I may be obedient to my parents and teachers, faithful and diligent in the duties of my calling, and humble, and kind, and merciful. Preserve me from stubbornness and self-will, and from evil thoughts, and from angry passions, and also from lying and profaneness, and from all vain-

boasting; turn my heart from the love of sin, and make me to avoid wicked company.

And pardon all the offences which either in thought, word, or deed, I have committed against thee. O God, forgive all that is past, and receive me now into thy favor, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, my most merciful Lord and Saviour.

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with me now and evermore. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER for a GROWN PERSON.

O LORD God Almighty, I thank thee for having preserved me through the past night, and for granting me health and strength for my duties on this day. Blessed be the Lord for all his mercies, for giving me food to eat and raiment to put on, and for delivering me from many evils which my sins have justly deserved.

I thank thee especially, O Lord, for the gift of Jesus Christ thy Son. I confess before thee my exceeding guilt, and I pray thee, for Christ's sake, to pardon my offences, and to receive my soul when I die.

I beseech Thee also, for his sake, to grant unto me the help of thy Holy Spirit, that I may be enabled to follow my Savior's example, and to do whatsoever he hath commanded. May I be patient, and humble, and kind, and merciful, endeavoring to do good unto all men, and forgiving those who trespass against me, even as I hope to be forgiven. Grant me grace to labor on this day diligently in my calling, and to be true and just in all my dealings, doing unto others as I would they should do unto me; and help me, O Lord, to re-

strain my tongue, and to subdue my evil tempers, and to live in temperance, soberness, and chastity. Save me from those sins which in times past have most easily beset me; strengthen me, O Lord, for all my duties, carry me through all my difficulties and troubles, and help me, day by day, to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Saviour.

This Prayer I humbly offer up in the name of Jesus Christ.

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with me now and evermore. Amen.

An EVENING PRAYER for a GROWN PERSON.

O LORD God Almighty, I bless thee for all the mercies of the past day, and I pray thee now to take me under thy care, and to deliver me from all the perils and dangers of this night. Preserve me, O Lord, both in body and soul from every evil, and keep me from all wicked thoughts when I am about to close my eyes in sleep.

And pardon, I beseech thee, all my sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ. I confess, O Lord, that I have this day left undone many things which I ought to have done, and done many things which I ought not to have done. Pardon all my pride * and vanity, my idleness and self-indulgence, my impatience and fretfulness, and discontent. Pardon, O Lord, all the rash and angry words which I have this day spoken, and all the

* Any of these words may be changed, as may suit the case of the person praying, that whatsoever sins have been committed in the day may be mentioned.

sinful thoughts which have risen up in my mind, and which I have not been careful to resist. And especially I pray thee to pardon my forgetfulness of thee my God, and my want of gratitude and love to Jesus Christ. For these, and all my other sins, which from time to time I have committed, I here implore thy pardon and forgiveness, in the name of my most merciful Savior.

And since I know that my life is so short and uncertain, help me, day by day, to think of my latter end. O Lord, grant me grace so to live that I may not be afraid to die, and do thou receive my soul at last into thine eternal kingdom.

I also beseech thee to give thy blessing to all my dear relations and friends. Bless the poor, the sick, and the afflicted, and all the tempted and distressed. Bless the land in which I live, and especially all the faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Give repentance to those who live in sin. Bless also mine enemies.

And now, O Lord, help me to lie down at peace with thee, and in perfect charity with all men.

These Prayers I humbly offer up in the name of Jesus Christ my Savior.

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with me now and evermore. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER for a SUNDAY SCHOOL.

O LORD God Almighty, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, we thank thee for thy merciful preservation of us through the past night. We also thank thee for all thy

goodness to us, for our health and strength, and food and raiment, and friends and benefactors. More especially we bless thy Name for giving us the Holy Scriptures, in order that we may be instructed in the will of God, and in the way of everlasting life.

Dispose, O Lord, all who are here present to attend reverently to the truths they hear, and suffer them not to give way to indolence, or carelessness of mind, or to hardness of heart and unbelief. Teach them also to apply the Scriptures to their own use. When they read of thy Judgments may they stand in awe of thy great Power and Majesty, and when they read of thy promises, and especially of thy mercies in Christ, may their hearts be filled with gratitude to their Redeemer, and may they take delight in singing thy praises.

And we pray thee, O Lord, to grant unto them the continual help of thy Holy Spirit, that they may day by day be preserved from sin, and may become fruitful in every good work. May they be faithful to the Lord their God, and upright in their conduct towards all men. May they be true and honest in all their dealings, doing unto others as they would that others should do unto them. May they be obedient to their parents and teachers; and may they be temperate, sober, and diligent; may no untruth proceed out of their lips, and may they learn both to command their tempers and restrain their tongues, and may they be kind and merciful to each other, forgiving one another, even as they hope that God, for Christ's sake, will forgive them.

And pardon, O Lord, all their sins in time past, which either in thought, word, or deed they have

committed against thee. Receive, O Lord, all these children into thy favor, and into the arms of thy mercy; grant unto them true repentance and an unfeigned faith in Jesus Christ their Lord.

We also beseech thee to prepare them for all those events in life which thy Providence may see fit at any time to bring upon them. Thou knowest the various temptations and troubles to which before long they may be exposed, and the situations to which they may be called. We therefore pray thee now to arm them for every future trial, and to train them up for the performance of all those duties which thou shalt hereafter require of them. May they be grounded in the knowledge of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, and may they now begin to fight under the banners of their Savior against the world, the flesh, and the devil; and as they advance in life may they grow in grace, each of them striving to recommend that Gospel which they have been taught, and shining as lights in the world.

And finally we pray that having thus done thy will, and enjoyed thy favor, all the days of their lives, they may at length be received into those everlasting habitations which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

We offer up these our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom alone we hope for the pardon of our sins, and in whose words we further call upon thee.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we

forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

May the Grace, &c.

EVENING PRAYER for a SUNDAY SCHOOL.

O LORD God our heavenly Father, we beseech thee to pour down thy blessing on these children, and to grant that the words which they have this day heard with their outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in all their hearts, that they may bring forth in them the fruits of good living, to the praise and glory of thy name.

Forgive, O Lord, all the imperfection which thou hast seen in their worship and services on this day. Forgive also the various sins of their past lives; may they repent of them with unfeigned sorrow and contrition of heart, and may they lie down this night trusting in Jesus Christ their Lord.

We commit them to thy watchful care, and to thy mercies in Jesus Christ. Defend them, we pray thee, from all the dangers of darkness; do thou keep them, O Lord, by night and by day; let thy blessing attend them to the end of their lives, and when they shall lay down their bodies in the grave, do thou receive their souls into thine eternal kingdom.

We pray thee, O Lord, to give thy blessing to all their friends and relations: grant unto their parents grace to lead a Christian life, and to set a good example to their families, that so they and the children whom thou hast given them may meet together in Heaven. We commend to thee also the bountiful benefactors of these children. Be merci-

ful unto all those who have shewn them mercy, and make them heirs of everlasting life. Bless the teachers of this School; give them grace both to know their duty and to fulfil it.

We pray for the land in which we live, for the King and all in authority, and especially for all the Ministers of the Gospel; give success to their labors on this day: may their preaching be made effectual to overcome the various sins of men, and to make them obedient to the will of God.

Bless, we pray thee, in an especial manner, the true followers of Jesus Christ; build them up in their most holy faith, unite them in the bonds of Christian love, preserve them from the wickedness that is in the world, and make them to be a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

We would also make intercession for the poor, the sick and the afflicted, for the widow and the fatherless, and for all those who have none to help them; O Lord, bless unto them their earthly troubles, and turn them to their souls' good, and do thou protect and defend them, and appear for them when all human help fails.

We pray also for the whole rising generation; may they be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Put into the hearts of all parents and teachers, a concern for the souls of those over whom thou hast set them, and give thy grace to the children of this land that they may hear instruction with a teachable spirit, and may be made wise unto salvation.

And finally we pray thee to have mercy on those who are now living in ignorance and sin, and are without God in the world. Turn them, O Lord, from their evil ways, give them true re-

pentance, and send abroad the Gospel of Jesus Christ into this and all lands.

These prayers we offer up in the name of our only Lord and Savior, in whose words also we further address thee, saying, Our Father, &c.

May the Grace, &c.

MORNING PRAYER for a FAMILY.

O LORD God Almighty, assist us now to draw near unto thee with deep reverence and humility of mind. Deliver us from all wandering thoughts, and enable us to worship thee in such a manner that thou mayst hear our prayers and pour down thy blessing upon us.

O Lord God of Heaven, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank thee for all thine unmerited mercies bestowed upon this family, and we pray thee by thy grace to preserve every one of us from sinning against thee.

Defend us through this day by thy mighty power, save us from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, put into our hearts good desires, and help us to fulfil all thy precepts and commandments. And since thou hast sent thy Son Jesus Christ into the world to die for our sins, and to become the Savior of our souls, O Lord give us grace day by day to thank thee for this unspeakable gift, and help us to remember that we are not our own, but are bought with a price, and make us willing, therefore both to do and suffer all things to which thou mayst be pleased to call us: teach us to be this day patient and humble, and thankful, and contented with our lot, often lifting

up our thoughts to Heaven, having our chief desires fixed on a better world. And make us holy in all manner of conversation as becometh the disciples of Jesus Christ: make this household we pray thee to be a household that feareth God, may we be delivered from the corruption that is in the world, and may we also dwell together in unity. May we put away from us all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and evil speaking, and all malice, and may we be kind one towards another, forgiving one another, even as we hope that God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. And help us to know our several duties in life that we may fulfil them. May we be upright and diligent, may we waste no time, and neglect no opportunity of doing good that is afforded us. May we be ready to every good work.

And teach us to be ever watchful and circumspect, and fearful of running into temptation, but if at any time we are overtaken with a fault, give us grace to confess it and repent of it, and to ask forgiveness both from God and Man.

O Lord pardon the many sins which in times past we have committed against thee. Forgive our forgetfulness of thee our God, and our many trespasses against our neighbours. Grant unto us all true repentance, and help us day by day to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Our Father, &c.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

God save the King.

EVENING PRAYER for a FAMILY.

O LORD our heavenly Father, we beseech thee to hear the prayers which we are about to offer up unto thee; deliver us from all wandering thoughts, and help us to remember that we are now in the presence of that God, unto whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid.

O God we pray thee to forgive the sins of the past day. We acknowledge that we have this day left undone many things which we ought to have done, and done many things which we ought not to have done. We have trespassed against thee in thought, word and deed. And though we have been encouraged by thy Gospel to repent of our iniquities, and to serve God in newness of life, yet we have many times returned to those sins which we profess to have repented of, and we have fallen under thy just wrath and displeasure.

But we pray thee, O thou God of all Grace and goodness, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, to pardon all that is past, and to take us into thy favor this night, not weighing our merits, but forgiving our offences, and causing us to place our humble trust in thy mercy. Deliver us we pray thee from the troubles of a guilty conscience, now that we are about to lie down to rest. Save us, O Lord, from the dread of death, and from the errors of the wrath to come. Grant unto us, if it please thee, a quiet night, and make us all to be at peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the same time we beseech thee, not to suffer that we should deceive ourselves by any false hope,

but give us grace day by day to examine ourselves with care and diligence, that we may discover all that is amiss in us. O Lord deliver us from continuing in any known sin. Save us from every secret iniquity: may we each of us resolve before we go to rest this night, to forsake, by thy grace assisting us, every former transgression, and may we now devote ourselves entirely to thy service.

We further beseech thee to bless all our relations, friends, and connections: take both them and us under thy protection this night. And have mercy on all those who are in pain, sickness, or any other adversity; do thou lighten their troubles and support them by thy heavenly grace.

And accept our thanks for all thy goodness vouchsafed unto us this day. Praised be the Lord for all his mercies, for the health and strength, and food, and raiment, and comforts of every kind which we have enjoyed. But above all we desire to bless thy name for the gift of Jesus Christ thy Son, for the instructions of thy sacred Word, and for the hope of everlasting life. O Lord, grant unto us grace to receive these, and all thy blessings with a thankful heart, and let us shew forth thy praise, not with our lips only, but with our lives. Accept, we beseech thee, our imperfect supplications and prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior.

Our Father, &c.

May the Grace, &c.

PRAYER for a FAMILY on SUNDAY MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bless thy name for all thy mercies vouchsafed unto us the children of men.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life, but especially we praise thee for giving us thy holy Word, for sending to us the Ministers of thy Gospel, and for appointing the Sabbaths to be a season of rest for our bodies, and to be a day on which we may also attend to the salvation of our immortal souls.

O Lord, grant we beseech thee, that we may rightly use the religious opportunities which we enjoy. Preserve us from thoughtlessness and inattention during thy public Worship.---In prayer may we feel our need of the mercies we implore. In the confession of sin, may we be affected with the sense of our unworthiness, and in offering up thanksgivings to God, may we pour out our whole hearts before thee. We pray also, that when we shall hear thy word read, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached to us, we may listen with an attentive ear, and receive thy truth into an honest and good heart.

And we beseech thee to preserve in us a right frame of mind throughout the day that is now before us. May we remember that this is the day on which our Saviour rose from the dead, having by his death obtained eternal Redemption for us. May we therefore think of our ascended Lord, and may we put away from us all folly and vanity, as well as vice and wickedness, and all eager desires after the things of this life, and all anger, and passion,

and envy, and malice, and whatsoever else is either unsuitable to this sacred day, or is unbecoming the followers of Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we lament that in passing through the week, we are so often entangled by the cares of this life, and overpowered by temptations which come upon us unawares. But we pray thee now to call away our thoughts from earthly things, and to fix them on those unspeakable joys which are at thy right hand for evermore. We pray thee on this day to strengthen our faith, to encrease our hope, and to fill our hearts with love to thee, and with fervent charity towards our neighbour. Help us also to repent of our sins, examining carefully our conduct during the week, and thus may we learn to amend our lives, and to run with patience the race that is set before us.

And, together with these Prayers for ourselves, we offer up our supplications in behalf of all Christian Congregations. Give thy Grace to all the Ministers of thy Gospel, and enable them every where this day to preach thy Word with faithfulness to the souls of men. Make thy Gospel effectual, to pull down the pride of the high-minded, to alarm the careless, and convince the wavering, to encourage them that are as yet weak in faith, and to give peace and consolation to every troubled heart.

And, O Lord, we beseech thee, to send thy Gospel to the nations which now sit in darkness. Put an end to all false religion, and idolatry, and ignorance, and error; and give thy blessing to those who, in distant lands, are making known the light of thy Truth.

We offer up these our Prayers, in the Name of
Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior.

Our Father, &c.

May the Grace, &c.

PRAYER for a FAMILY on SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD God Almighty, Father of Mercies, we
beseech thee, for Christ's sake, to hear the Prayers
which we are now about to offer up unto Thee.

We pray thee, O Lord, to give thy blessing to
the instruction which we have this day heard, and
to grant that it may be so grafted inwardly in all
our hearts, as to bring forth in us the fruits of good
living, to the praise and glory of thy name. Par-
don also whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in our
worship and services on this day.

And accept, O Lord, our humble confession of
all those great and manifold sins which, from time
to time, both in thought, word, and deed, we
have committed against Thee: for we have left un-
done those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought
not to have done, and there is no health in us,
We have sinned, O Lord, by our pride and va-
nity, by our indulgence of many sinful passions,
by our fretfulness, impatience, and discontent; by
our emulation, our ambition, and our covetous-
ness. We have sinned also by our sloth and negli-
gence, by our forgetfulness of many duties of our
calling, by our too great love of this present world,
and by our carelessness in following many of those
evil customs which we have found in it. More
especially we have sinned by our inattention to thy
written Word, to thy preached Gospel, and to all
the means of thy Grace.

For these, and all our numberless offences, we here implore thy pardon and forgiveness, in the name of Jesus Christ; at the same time we thank thee for so mercifully providing this Saviour for us, who came down from Heaven and died for our sins, and who now sitteth at thy right hand making intercession for us.

We also beseech thee, for Christ's sake, to grant unto us the help of thy Holy Spirit, that we may now forsake every evil way, and may amend our lives according to thy Holy Word. O Lord, preserve us through the ensuing week from sinning against thee. Save us from the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Carry us through all our temptations and dangers. Fit us for whatsoever duties are before us, and when we have fulfilled thy Will on earth, receive us at length to thine eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ.

And the same things which we have been imploring for ourselves, we humbly ask in behalf of our dear friends and relations. Grant unto them pardon of their sins, a humble faith in Jesus Christ their Lord, and grace to walk in the way of thy Commandments. Be merciful to the land in which we live. Bless our King and all in authority. Give thine especial Grace to the Ministers of thy Gospel, that they may both preach thy true and lively Word, and may also be examples to their flock of all virtue and goodness. Let thy blessing also descend on all the faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Save them from the temptations which are in the world; strengthen their faith and hope, and unite them in the bonds of Christian Charity with each other; and have pity on all those who neglect thy Gospel. And profane thy Sabbaths, and live as if there was no God.

in the world. Convince them of their sins before it is too late, and incline them to seek for mercy, through that Savior, whose Grace they now despise. And, O Lord, deliver every one of us from all hardness of heart and contempt of thy Word and Commandments. Make us to lie down this night thankful for the opportunities of instruction which we have enjoyed, and for all the blessings of the Gospel. And may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and fear of God, and of his Son Christ Jesus.

Our Father, &c.

May the Grace, &c.

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